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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties (MIHP) Property Detail Report BA-1658

St. Timothy's School (Twiford) & Administration Building

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Now the main dormitory for St. Timothy's School for Girls, this large stone house with cobblestoned courtyard was originally one of the largest private homes in the east. Twiford was modelled after an eighteenth century French chateau. Only minor alterations were made when the building was turned over to a dormitory for 50 girls and five faculty members. The dining room and drawing rooms are still in use by the students and faculty.

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Built in 1938, Twiford Farm is a large and careful rendition of an eithteenth century northern French formal farmhouse. The principal entrance is the south and the north fascade overlooks a broad view of the valley. The picturesque structure is of rubble stone with carved limestone trim, two stories in height with extremely steep hipped roofs articulated above each o the several blocks. The center block, five bays in length, has the tallest roof, containing two storeys of dormers, the upper being much smaller. Hyphens nearly the depth of the center block are on either side leading to hipped roof wings which barely project forward. On the south sides of each hyphen are towers] nearly as wide as the hyphens with steep hipped roofs slightly higher than the hypen and adjacent wing roofs. A service wing extends south from the west end and a servant's house is freestanding west of the service wing, its roof recalling that of the house.

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flues having tapered projections high above each.

Interior detailing is simple but elegant, recalling the restraint fo the very late eighteenth century. The principal entrance doors are fully glazed and acreened with ornamental wrought iron. Walls and ceilings generally are of plaster with chair rail and cornice; mantels are of marble, some inlaid of contrasting colors. The principal staircase is east of the entrance and its scrolled ornamental wrought iron railing rises above a closed string. A ballroom is in the east wing and the corresponding dining hall in the west wing has been extended to the west in recent years by the school.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Private schools have been an established tradition in the Green Spring Valley since the first school was founded in 1747 by the Reverend Thomas Cradock of St. Thomas' Episcopal Church. However, until the twentieth century most of the schools were maintained in the homes of the clergy whose meager salaries necessitated their taking in boarding students and seeing to their education.

The migration of St. Timothy's School for Girls to the Valley was an example of a trend in the 1940s and 1950s for an institution to urchase a private home and adapt it to educational use. Such a transition was spurred by rising taxes and the decreasing availability of domestic help; these factors created problems for home owners whether they tried to maintain or sell their residences. Subdividing one's property into saleable lots was one solution but not a popular choice among area residents. They all shared a common concern that the attractive and exclusive residential qualities of the Valley be retained. Thus the shift from private to institutional ownership of large country estates was a logical answer to these issues.

St. Timothy's School for Girls originated in 1882 as a small private boarding school for girls in Catonsville under the direction of the Misses Carter. The school was but a short distance from St. Timothy's Episcopal Church from which it took its name. There were forty pupils: nine boarders and the rest day students, which included a small number of boys. In 1884 new buildings were completed on the site of the former St. Timothy's Hall which had been a school for boys until it burned in 1872.

At the retirement of the school's founders in 1912, Miss Louisa McEndree Fowler bought and continued the school for girls. She was an alumna and a teacher at the school. She was assisted by Miss Jane eves Heath, a fellow alumna and teacher. Miss Heath retired in 1925, Miss Fowler in 1936. Miss Ella Robinson Watkins was then appointed headmistress. It was about this time that the school was incorporated with a board of trustees.

In 1950 the corporation of St. Timothy's School for Girls bought the 219½ acre Twiford estate owned by Martha C. Wheelwright Thompson and her husband, Henry B. Thompson. This property, located on the west side of Green Spring Avenue between Hillside and Old Court Roads, was part of an original land grant known as Eli O'Carroll. This was the first tract of land to be patented in the Green Spring Valley; the 1,000 acres had been surveyed for Charles Carroll of Annapolis (today referred to as the Attorney General) in 1695-96.

After a number of owners, this land was acquired in the early

1900s by William H. and Elizabeth G. Whitridge who, in 1914, built a stone cottage called Glen Cairn. Mr. Whitridge died in 1936. By his will his trustees were empowered to dispose of his estate? Thus in 1938 the property was purchased by Clarence and Martha C. Wheelwright for \$85,000? They tore down Glen Cairn and constructed a new home, now known as Twiford, which was then one of the largest private homes in the east. Twiford was modelled after an eighteenth century French chateau. After Mr. Wheelwright's death, his widow married Henry B. Thompson, and they sold Twiford to St. Timothy's.

Minor renovations were made to the house (renamed the Carter House after the school's founders) so that there were dining and drawing rooms and a dormitory for fifty girls and five faculty. By the time of the school's dedication in 1951, enrollment had increased to 102 students. Over the years several new buildings have been added to meet the growing demands of the school.

TWIFORD (St. Timothy's School for Girls) Footnotes

- For further information on the schools established in the Green Spring Valley, see Volume One, Chapter Seven "Education" in Dawn F. Thomas and Robert W. Barnes, The Green Spring Valley: Its History and Heritage, 2 vols. (Baltimore; Maryland Historical Society, 1978).
- Baltimore District Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, <u>Schools</u>
 <u>In and Around Baltimore</u> (Baltimore: Consolidated Engineering
 Company, Incorporated, 1955), pp. 94-95.
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- Baltimore County Land Records (BCLR), Liber T.B.S. no. 1825, fol. 326, Towson Court House, Towson, Maryland.
- Patent Liber B.B. no. 3, fol. 339, Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland.
- 6 "To Divide and Sell Dunmore at Auction", <u>Baltimore American</u>, May 30th, 1914.
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- 9 See note 2.
- 10 Ibid.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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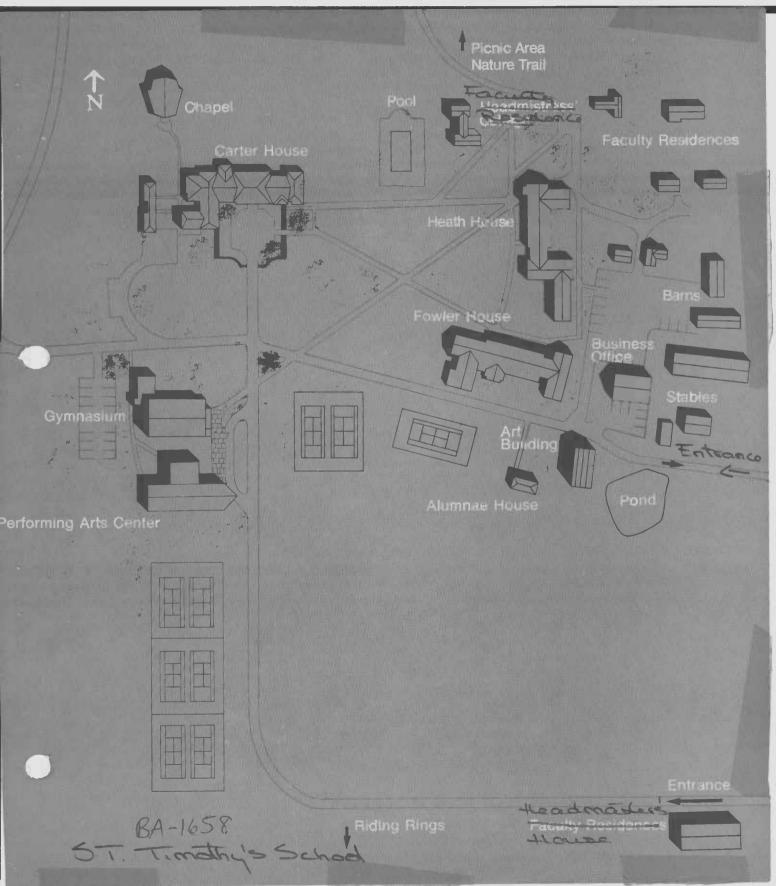
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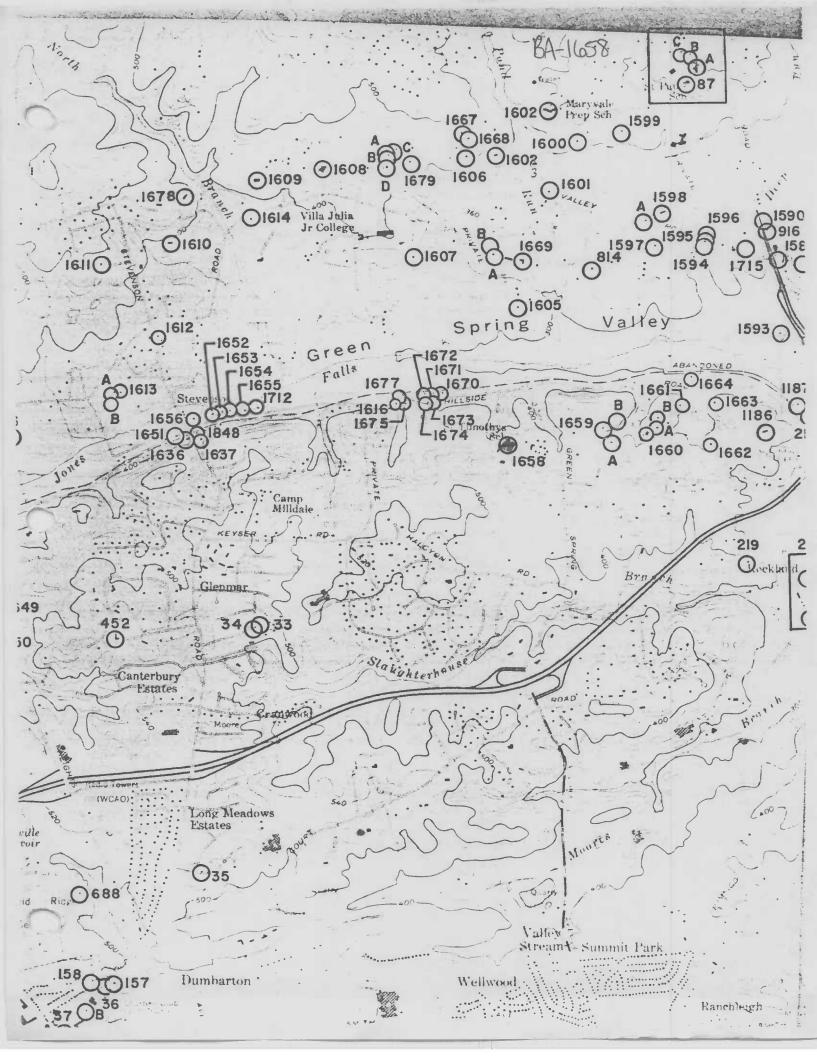
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Significance

TWIFORD is a spectacular rendition, dating from ca. 1938, of a formal farmhouse from eighteenth century northern France. The property is very successfully adapted as a school.



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